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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4246

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, AEMR, LE
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY GUARANTEE OF INSURANCE TO MEA CHARTERED
AIRCRAFT

REF: BEIRUT 4245

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS CONTINGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO
INSURE POSSIBLE MEA CHARTER(S) FOR EVACUATION PURPOSES.
END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER PROVIDED TO MIDDLE EAST
AIRLINES ON OCCASION 1970 AIR EVACUATION FROM AMMAN.
BEGIN TEXT: "JUNE 12, 1970 - MR. ASAD NASR, GENERAL
MANAGER, MEA, BEIRUT. DEAR MR. NASR, THIS LETTER
CONFIRMS TO YOU THE GUARANTEE OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT ANY LOSSES OR DAMAGE WHETHER
ACCIDENTAL OR DUE TO HOSTILE ACTION EXPERIENCED BY
MEA OR ANY DAMAGE FOR WHICH MEA MAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
ON THE SPECIFIC MEA FLIGHTS TO AND FROM AMMAN AND ATHENS
ON JUNE 12 AND JUNE 13, 1970, TO EVACUATE OFFICIAL U.S.
GOVERNMENT STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND
FOREIGN AND NON-OFFICIAL U.S. NATIONALS FROM AMMAN TO
BEIRUT, UNDER THE CHARTER SPONSORED BY THE U.S.
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GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, ARE
HEREBY COVERED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

THIS GUARANTEE IS EXECUTED IN THE NAME OF U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE ROGERS AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON PORTER.
SINCERELY YOURS, (SIGNED) LEONARD S. DWOR, U.S. REGIONAL
CIVIL AIR ATTACHE, MIDDLE EAST." END TEXT.

3. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ANTICIPATE THAT SITUATION IN BEIRUT WILL REQUIRE CHARTER SERVICES TO EVACUATE RESIDENT AMERICANS (REASONS PROVIDED REFTEL), WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT TO HAVE IN HAND A LETTER PROVIDING THE NECESSARY GUARANTEE. IF WE NEED MEA CHARTERS, MEA HAS INFORMED US IT WILL REQUIRE SUCH A LETTER. WE SUGGEST IDENTICAL TEXT WITH CITIES AND DATES LEFT BLANK, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS RETAINED ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, LAST PARAGRAPH UPDATED, SIGNATURE BLOCK REVISED TO DCM OR OTHER DEPUTIZED EMBOFF.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY (A) TO REVISE LETTER OFFERING USG GUARANTEE TO MEA FOR CHARTER AIRCRAFT, AND (B) TO ISSUE LETTER SHOULD MEA CHARTER SERVICES BE REQUIRED.
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